

Grays Harbor Response Capacity Assessment

Background

On April 3, 2018, we convened a group of stakeholders to discuss oil spill response capability in Grays Harbor. Workshop participants discussed the current preparedness framework in Grays Harbor, including an introduction to the regulated contingency plan holders, contingency planning requirements, response contractors, and oil spill equipment types and locations. Workshop participants also reviewed the baseline preparedness picture in the area and used the outcomes from the initial hazard identification meetings to define the study parameters of the response equipment capacity assessment.

The [Grays Harbor Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment](#) (GHVTRA) can be accessed online. The Response Capacity Workshop summary can be found in Appendix C of the report.

Contracting for the Response Capacity Assessment Study

After several months of working through our state contracting process, we hired Nuka Research and Planning Group to conduct the Grays Harbor Response Capacity Assessment. A kick off meeting was held on December 6th at the Port of Grays Harbor Commissioners meeting room. The contractor provided an overview of the study and worked with participants to define the study questions.

The presentation provided at the kick off meeting can be accessed at [NUKA Grays Harbor – Oil Spill Response Capacity Analysis](#).

Response Capacity Study Results Presentation

On June 7th Nuka Research and Planning Group conducted an in person and webinar meeting to discuss the study results. This presentation was structured to provide information about the study and allow the GHVTRA workgroup to provide initial comments.

Listen to a recording of the [study results presentation](#).

Timeline and Commenting Process

The [draft Response Capacity Analysis](#) is open for your comments from June 10th through June 24th. We will consider all of the comments received, and edit the report as needed. We expect to publish the report in July.

To comment please call or email Sonja Larson at (360) 407-6682 or sonja.larson@ecy.wa.gov. We look forward to hearing your feedback.